



BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

Friends' News

Friends of the Bellingham Public Library

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DECEMBER BOOK SALE DEC. 3 - 6

Double the marked price
PREVIEW SALE on
Wed 12/3 from 3 to 6 pm

Regular Sale Hours

Thurs 12/4 10 am -- 8 pm

Fri 12/5 10 am - 6 pm (1/2 price)

Sat 12/6 10 am - 3 pm (\$3 bag)

2008 BOOK SALE PROCEEDS

February Mini Sale	\$2,149
March Book Sale	6,991
Ski-to-Sea Book Sale	8,260
Kids' Sale - August	414
Video Sale - August	2,431
September Book Sale	10,413
Internet Sales (thru Sept)	19,812
Better Books (thru Sept)	6,769
Display Case Books	659
Total	\$57,898

MAUDE HEYES FISCHER AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN READING

On Saturday, November 22 at 11 am, we will celebrate the reading achievement of 13 Title I students in the Bellingham School District. The students were chosen by their reading teachers for their efforts in learning to read. The children will be photographed both individually and as a group, and their group picture will be placed behind the check-out desk in the Children's Library for one year. Come and celebrate this wonderful event with us.

-- Vicky Marshall

RECENT PURCHASES

Thursday Night Spotlight	\$100
Video Game System	1,000
Teen Summer Reading.....	500
Summer Reading Kick-off	300
Teen Programs	230
Mobile Display Units/Chairs, Barkley.....	6,036
Book Club Kits.....	2403
Laptop Computers.....	9,481
Total (thru Oct).....	\$20,050

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Enclosed with your newsletter is an envelope for membership renewal. Be sure to indicate if you want to be included on the membership list for the Fairhaven or Barkley Branch. Thanks so much for supporting the library through your membership!



Message from our President

Dear Friends,

During these challenging economic times it is rare to find anything of value that is free.

From this prospective I realize at this time just how important our libraries are. When I look for some normalcy and comfort in life, I personally can find it in books and audio downloads.

It's enriching to me to go to the library or the website and have free and ready access to library materials and numerous other valuable services which are available at **bellinghampubliclibrary.org**.

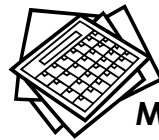
The Friends of the Bellingham Public Library have and will continue to provide materials and programs that might not otherwise be possible. Through your efforts, time, skills, good humor and fellowship we continue to prosper and enrich this community. Libraries have always provided a sense of continuity and connection. This great resource of literature, technology and other valuable library programs is free and readily available to all.

Thank you all for your support and continued membership in The Friends of the Bellingham Public Library.

See you in December for the Book Sale!

Christine Walsh, President

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2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March Book Sale	March 4-7
Annual Meeting	April 25
Ski-to-Sea Book Sale	May 20-23
September Book Sale	Sept 2-5
December Book Sale	Dec 2-5

Village Books of Fairhaven deserves a special vote of thanks for their support of the Friends. We've received book contributions from Village for the past 12 years, and it has evolved into a daily pick-up from them. Please thank them the next time you're in their store.



MAGAZINE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Garland Richmond, coordinator of the magazine swap spot, is looking for a volunteer to work about an hour a week. Call 752-1423 if you're interested in helping out.

From Assistant Library Director Christine Perkins

It's been just over six months since I started as Assistant Director at the Library and I continue to be impressed by the dedication of the Friends of the Bellingham Public Library. I see many of you almost every day when I'm in the staff break room. Your book sales are a well-oiled machine and your internet sales are amazing, too. All of your efforts reap huge results for the library and we thank you very much!

The Friends play a role in nearly everything we do here at the library. We opened the **Barkley Branch** with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 13. Several Friends were on hand to accept our thanks for your donation of \$7,500 for the children's picture book collection, as well as our public internet rolling chairs and the rolling audio-visual display cart. The cart allows us to quickly move the DVDs, audiobook CDs, and music CDs from the "reading room" side of the branch to the locked "library only" side when we're closed. At 1,400 square feet, the Barkley Branch packs a lot into a small space. Even though the branch was only open part of the month of September, we checked out over 2,000 items there and registered 49 new borrowers!

In October, we held the first-ever **Barkley Author Spotlight**, featuring award-winning novelist Laura Kalpakian. Once again, the Friends helped by providing delicious refreshments and selling copies of Kalpakian's latest books, *American Cookery* and *The Memoir Club*.

Nautical mystery writer Clyde Ford will be our guest at the next **Barkley Author Spotlight** to be held on November 12 from 7-8:30 p.m. Friends are invited to come and hear the author in this intimate, cozy setting.

Bellingham Public Library will be participating in the **Whatcom READS!** program, encouraging everyone in Whatcom County to read (and discuss) the same book. The *Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian* has been selected as the first title, and author Sherman Alexie will be making several presentations around the county in March 2009. Read the book, get your book club to read the book, and visit www.whatcomreads.org for more details.

In November, we're planning a major face-lift to the library website, www.bellinghampubliclibrary.org.

From our website, you can now **download audiobooks** to an MP3 player, **"watch" picture books** with your favorite child by clicking on Tumblebooks from the Children's Library page, and sign up for **NextReads** newsletters that suggest interesting new titles to check out.

Thanks to your generosity, we'll soon have an **Audiobook Download station** at the Central Library, so you can use the library's high speed connection to download your favorite audiobook titles. There are many exciting things happening at your library, and we hope you're able to take a break from your hard work as Friends to enjoy some of the fruits of your efforts. See you at the library!

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE FAIRHAVEN LIBRARY

We're having another birthday!

The Friends of the Fairhaven Library cordially invite you to attend our 104th **Birthday Party**, Saturday, December 13 at the Fairhaven Library. In addition to the chance to meet with your fellow library friends, library staff will be present to discuss the exciting changes that will be made to the library in the coming months. We'll also hold an even bigger and better Nearly New Books sale. Come and choose the perfect holiday gift for your loved ones and, at the same time, help support your library. --Marilyn Olsen

Plans are underway at the Fairhaven Branch to begin the **renovations** process. Portland architecture firm Fletcher, Farr, Ayotte will team up with Bellingham's RMC Architects to complete architectural drawings and bid specifications for the earthquake retrofit and "exterior envelope" repair. We expect the branch will close for several months in 2009 but when it re-opens, it will be ready to serve the City for another 50 years or more. -- Christine Perkins

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS -- Did you know that two extra sales were necessary this year due to the lack of storage space? The first, featuring VHS videos only, was held on August 30 & 31. Another "mini" book and video sale was held on October 30 & 31.

Kids' Book Sale

A coupon for a free book is awarded to every child who completes the library's summer reading program. This is the 7th year that we've worked with the library in offering books for this important program. We always offer kids' books for sale as well (we never miss a chance to make more money!). This year's sale was ably handled by Kathie Wilson and crew.



SURPLUS BOOKS

Please think of the Friends when you're looking for a new home for your surplus books. You can bring up to four boxes labeled "For Friends" to the library check-out counter.

For larger quantities phone:

Garland Richmond - 752-1423

Jim Paulsen - 715-2030

Jerry Lawson - 398-2716

Richard Zarnowitz - 676-9938

Becky Falacy - 733-6719

Note: Please place books to be picked up in small, easy-to-handle boxes.

2007 Volunteer Hours

Last year's volunteer hours worked by Friends was 10,125. There were 90 volunteers total, including year-round book and magazine people as well as those who work at book sales. The estimated hourly value of a volunteer is \$19.53, which makes for a whopping **\$197,741** in donated time for our library!

Another **Thank You!**

The September book sale was very successful, taking in \$10,413. Our thanks to Catherine Reade and Marcia Leishman for running the show—along with Ruby Larive who scheduled cashiers.